

Apply now for Siletz Tribal Head Start

The Siletz Tribal Head Start program is accepting applications now for the 2021-2022 school year. We have classrooms in Siletz, Lincoln City, Salem and Portland.

We offer services to promote children's school readiness skills and assist families with supporting their child's lifelong learning. Classrooms offer 3½ hours of service per day, Monday-Thursday, round-trip transportation and developmentally appropriate activities to promote each child's success. To qualify, children must be age 3 or 4 by the local school district's age cut-off date, and income limits may apply.

Head Start applications can be found on the Siletz Tribal website or can be requested by calling 541-444-2450 or 800-922-1399 and asking for Head Start.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Childcare Assistance Program expands eligibility for Tribal families in service area

The Tribal Childcare Assistance Program has received an increase in funding from the CCDF Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Act. With this increase in funding, we requested approval from the Office of Child Care to temporarily waive the income eligibility requirement for all Tribal families living in the 11-county service area and to increase payment rates for family home providers.

The approval to waive the income eligibility will be in affect while the state and/or Tribe is in a declared emergency and can continue for three months following the suspension of the declared emergency as long as funding is sufficient.

Families must meet other eligibility requirements, which include living in the 11-county service area; parents must be working, engaged in education or in a job training program; and children must be enrolled Siletz Tribal members or eligible to enroll Siletz, or be the descendant or dependent of an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

To request an application, contact DeAnn Brown by email at deannb@ctsi.nsn.us or by telephone at 541-444-2450.

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transported and used as a travelling exhibit or as an exhibit in the museum. Both a teaching and a public relations tool, they have become a valuable resource and are widely used in museums.

To get the ball rolling, high-tech camera equipment that has the capability to produce state-of-the-art videos was purchased. A target date was established, space for the interviews booked, basic questions developed and Josh Eddings put in charge of the technical aspects of the filming and formatting.

The first exhibit will cover Termination in 1954 and Restoration in 1977, and the effect on Tribal members' lives as remembered by those who experienced it firsthand. This VR capture will include personal stories of elders and will be a treasure for future generations.

Dec. 7-8 were two days of immersion in history as Tribal members shared their personal experiences of Termination, a critical time in the chain of events that has happened to the Siletz Tribe over the past 67 years. Emotions ran high as the effects of Termination were recorded in a historical living record for generations to come.

Those two days in December mark the beginning of an expanding project that is the very first to be initiated as part of A Place for the People, the soon-to-be-built museum in Siletz. It is just the beginning of a much larger endeavor as the topics expand to cover many other areas.

The interviews were held in the convention area of Chinook's Seafood Grill and overseen by STAHS board members Gloria Ingle, Angela Ramirez and myself, with Josh Eddings doing the filming.

Ed Ben, Gerald Ben, Shirley Ben Walker, Raymond Ben, Victoria Ben Nelson, Delores Pigsley, Gloria Ingle, Kent Rilatos, Shawna Gray, Loraine Butler, Lavonne Butler, Jane John and her daughters Diana and Glendora were among those to share their stories. A wide range of emotions are contained in the candid interviews that are filled with tears and laughter, painful memories and proud moments.

At this writing, the first set of videos is ready for fine tuning and before long we'll get a firsthand look at the finished product. It's an exciting time as we move forward



Courtesy photo by Teresa Simmons

Kent Rilatos

toward the construction of the museum and developing the exhibits it will house.

The board hopes that in the future, many Tribal members will offer to tell their stories in their own words. In turn, these stories/memories will be held exclusively by STAHS, not to be sold or published elsewhere. When the project is complete, they will be available for viewing in the present day and by future generations.

If you are interested in participating in the oral history virtual reality project, please email gloriaingle456@gmail.com or trobbsimmons@gmail.com.

STAHS board members are Chairman Gloria Ingle, Vice Chair/Secretary Teresa Simmons, Treasurer Angela Ramirez and Shantel Hostler Peacock.

More good news!

Early in December, STAHS received \$220,000 in grants. One grant for \$10,000 came from the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation, another for \$10,000 from the Morrison Family Charitable Foundation and the third for a whopping \$200,000 came from the Meyer Memorial Trust to be used for operations!

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ate Committee on Indian Affairs on the Siletz Restoration Act in 1976. The Siletz Restoration Act was passed by Congress, signed by President Carter and made law on Nov 18, 1977.

She was nominated and elected by her peers to serve on the interim Tribal Council 1978. This council would lay the groundwork for the creation of our Tribal Roll and Constitution, and negotiate our Reservation Act.

"For three years now we have been working very hard toward this bill, Senate Bill 2801. We worked very hard to get our people back again to reorganize our Tribe and after much research and a lot of input from the Siletz people, we did organize, we held elections and voted for a new Tribal Council. I have been on this council for three years now. Our Tribal Council and the people at our well-attended meetings decided we were in need of restoration. We had a strong desire for identity. The news traveled fast to our people and they

began to come home, for they wanted to hear more about the restoration bill. Many would get up and say how good it is to be 'home' again.



File photo

Pauline Bell Ricks

"For Siletz, to many of us, will always be home, for some of us had to leave the area to make a living elsewhere. But our roots are buried deep in Siletz. In our hearts we have never left there. Already a good feeling has been created in Siletz, just by going home to the meetings, pot-lucks and pow-wows, just like the old days some of us remember so well."

Pauline Bell Ricks to Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs
March 30, 1976

With Restoration came a revitalization of Siletz culture and Pauline was central to the effort to return missing elements to our people and community. In 1973, she organized the first pow-wow in decades here at Siletz. She was pow-wow chairperson of the first Restoration Days celebration in 1977.

She initiated the idea of a Siletz Royalty Court and would go on to serve as whipwoman for the Siletz Tribe. She helped others learn about their history

and family connections, and embrace their culture and identity as Siletz people.

Pauline left us in April 1995. The following is an excerpt from a piece that ran in *Siletz News* following her passing – "In the hearts and minds of those who knew her, these words linger: kind, dedicated, loving, sweet, thoughtful and genuine. She was the smile that greeted you at gatherings, the driving force for much that been accomplished within the Tribe. She had the ability to pull people together to accomplish a common purpose, a willingness to listen to the problems and concerns of others and, as Ed Ben put it, she was a warrior."

Pauline's life had an impact on all those who knew her. She was instrumental in the Siletz Tribe's fight for Restoration. Her work helped shape the Tribal government we know today. Her legacy will continue to be felt by the generations to come. I hope this short article sheds some light on the life of a Tribal member who sacrificed and gave much.